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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I enquire whether the Government after consulting their officers have decided to introduce a Record of Rights Bill?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"They have no such intention now."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether there have not been some changes in the Revenue accounts in order to bring in a Bill of this nature, and whether such changes have not been in existence for some time?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I must ask for notice, Sir."

Land Revenue

Rates of seigniorage in South Kanara district.

*18 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the various rates of seigniorage charged in the different parts of the South Kanara district at present?

A.—A statement is laid on the table.[a]

Collection of seigniorage in kumki and non-kumki areas in South Kanara.

*19 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any and, if so, what seigniorage is being charged for sandalwood and dalchini (cinnamon) plants and trees in kumki and non-kumki areas in South Kanara and what proportion of the former goes to the wargdar;

(b) from what date or period it is being so charged;

(c) whether it is a fact that prior to about two years no such fee was being charged in kumki areas; and

(d) whether Government propose to take steps to stop the collection of such fees in kumkis?

A.—(a) For the seigniorage rates on sandal and cinnamon trees the hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 18 as to the seigniorage rates charged. When kumki lands are assigned on darkhast to the kumkidar, two-thirds of the value of sandalwood trees containing heartwood is recovered from the assignee, the value of all other trees being foregone.

(b) 1925.

(c) Yes, previous to 1925.

(d) The Government see no reason to adopt the course suggested. Kumki privileges are intended to serve domestic and agricultural purposes whereas the value of sandalwood is purely commercial.

Free assignment of lands to the depressed classes in South Kanara.

*20 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have come to any decision regarding the question of giving lands free of assessment to the depressed classes in South Kanara till the lands become productive?

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 102–111 infra.